



Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council

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NORTHWEST SAN PEDRO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL RESOLUTION

REGARDING USE OF TRAFFIC IMPACT MEASUREMENTS

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WHEREAS, the California Environmental Quality Act requires agencies to consider the potential harmful impacts of their projects, including traffic impacts; and

WHEREAS, traffic impacts are usually measured by evaluating the changes, if any, to the Level of Service [LOS] at intersections; and

WHEREAS, traffic impacts are also sometimes measured by estimating changes in the Vehicle Miles Traveled [VMT] that may be generated by the project, although VMT is mainly used to estimate changes in air emissions; and

WHEREAS, SB 743 provides that traffic impacts should be measured by VMT, but does not prohibit the use of LOS; and

WHEREAS, VMT does not always measure the local congestion impacts of projects, especially those that are outside of transit oriented development districts, but is a valuable tool which is already required to calculate greenhouse gases;

NOW THEREFORE, the Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council recommends that the State of California and the City of Los Angeles require the use of both VMT and LOS for at least two years, at the end of which time the comparative results should be reviewed and a determination made that whatever traffic impact measuring methods that most accurately reflect actual impacts, whether VMT, LOS, or a combination of those methods and others be required.

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